

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005
2:15 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Koci, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005 AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of both sets of Staff Meeting minutes pending clarification of Commissioner Workman's statement regarding the Joint Public Agency at the October 4, 2005 meeting. Schorr, Heier, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

It was corrected to read "Workman said the Joint Public Agency is there to create a wheel tax in the County. He also indicated he likes the Rural Transportation Safety District, but reminded the Board that the RTSD is funded 15% from the County and 85% from the City".

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Paycheck Insert for Flu Shot Clinic
- B. Letter from Mike Thurber to Nebraska Jail Standards Board
- C. Report on Meeting with Health & Human Services Regarding Contract for Detention Services During Evaluations

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Paycheck Insert for Flu Shot Clinic

Eagan distributed documentation regarding a paycheck insert for the flu shot clinic for all County employees stating the date and that there will be no cost to County employees (Exhibit A).

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of including the insert with the County paychecks. Stevens, Hudkins, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Letter from Mike Thurber to Nebraska Jail Standards Board

Eagan distributed a copy of the letter Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, is going to send to the Jail Standards Board regarding inmate population and jail standards (Exhibit B). Eagan noted the letter needs to be signed by the Chairman of the County Board or the Chair of the Board of Corrections or both.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the letter with signatures by both the County Board Chair and the Board of Corrections Chair. Schorr, Heier, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Report on Meeting with Health & Human Services Regarding Contract for Detention Services During Evaluations

Eagan reported they met with the State representatives of Health and Human Services regarding the renegotiation of the contract for OJS evaluations. He indicated the State disagrees with the per diem rate and they are also objecting to the use of depreciation costs. Eagan noted the State is currently paying \$202, but would like to pay \$196 to \$197 or go to a two-tier rate.

Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, appeared and indicated with the two-tier rate, the firm rate will be set and at year end the County will adjust the actual costs to actual population and maybe refund a credit.

Schorr asked about a two-tier rate for Lancaster County kids and non-Lancaster County kids with the depreciation in and the depreciation out.

Hudkins liked Schorr's theory however he is concerned about the other counties being charged \$234 and why the State should get a better deal. He also asked about the retroactive date of October 1, 2005.

Heier believed the depreciation should stay with the costs.

Eagan noted if another pod is open, Lancaster County's costs would go up and it would be reflected in the year end adjustment to the State.

Stevens believes the two-tier rate is a good idea, however with the year end adjustment he would be willing to adjust it to the actual cost and if it is more than \$234 they get a break, but if it is less than that they actually get a credit to apply towards the next year.

Heier said he would be willing to look at a lesser figure if they can guarantee a number of kids for the year.

Eagan indicated by State Statute the County pays the first 10 days of detention during the evaluation and the State pays the detention costs for the rest of the evaluation. He also said there is a provision in the contract about not taking kids when they are at capacity and the language needs to be refined to give the County more flexibility.

The Board agreed to have the County representatives meet with the State again.

3 POTENTIAL AND PENDING LITIGATION - Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded to enter into Executive Session at 2:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential and pending litigation. Heier, Hudkins, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 3:52 p.m. Stevens, Hudkins, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4 ACTION ITEMS

A. Microcomputer Requests:

1. C#2005389, Seven WordPerfect 9 Licenses for the District Court from Microcomputer Fund, \$835
2. C#2005388, HP Color Jet Printer for the Public Defender's Office from Microcomputer Fund, \$139.45

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of both Microcomputer Requests. Stevens, Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Ratification of Selective Overtime Enforcement Mini Grant Contract Application and Award

Eagan reported there needs to be an agreement in place between the State and the County irregardless of how small or insignificant the grant may be and the application needs to be ratified.

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of ratifying the Selective Overtime Enforcement Mini Grant Application. Stevens, Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Clarification of Effective Date for Appointment of Dr. Roy as Community Mental Health Center Medical Director

Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, appeared and distributed documentation regarding the hiring of Dr. Roy as Acting Medical Director (Exhibit C). He indicated there was not an effective date for the hiring of Dr. Roy as Acting Medical Director of the CMHC and would like the date to be effective September 1, 2005.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to accept the recommendation from the CMHC Director and designate Dr. Roy as the Acting Medical Director of CMHC, effective September 1, 2005. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Allowance Modification #07 for Vehicle Storage Facility, \$4,320.66 from Contingency Allowance

Eagan noted the Allowance Modification #07 will go on Tuesday's agenda.

- C. Support Letter for East Beltway Funding

Thorpe indicated a rough draft letter has been drawn up for the County Board to send to Congressman Fortenberry regarding the East Beltway Funding, however it needs to be rewritten.

The Board agreed the letter needs to get out as soon as possible and should go to all Congressmen.

6 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. **Monthly Meeting of County Board Chair/Vice Chair and Mayor - Hudkins, Schorr**

Hudkins reported they discussed K Street and the financial analysis is still being worked on. He said they also nixed the idea about using the Goodyear Hangars as a replacement for K Street.

Schorr reported they talked about RUTS.

- B. **Joint Retreat Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Stevens**

Stevens reported they talked about funding of a prairie west of Pioneers Park and park facilities. He also noted Child Advocacy Center wants to expand and are looking for a new facility. Stevens said somewhere in Lincoln there is a 1-acre park which has been established and was named for somebody according to the rules and regulations on how you name parks. He said there is a developer who is developing an area adjacent to the park and wanted to give the City 9 acres of land, but the developer wanted to name it. He said because the City didn't want to accept the proposal, the Homeowner's Association has to maintain it.

C. **Monthly Meeting of the PBC Chair/Vice Chair and Mayor - Hudkins**

Hudkins reported there was an agreement reached on Courthouse Plaza and the offer was for \$1.5 million.

6 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk